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NATIONAL ELK REFUGE TO HOST GRAND TETON MUSIC FESTIVAL PERFORMANCES

The National Elk Refuge has paired up with the Grand Teton Music Festival to join the organization's residency program and offer short programs of music inspired by nature. The Festival's resident Brass Quintet, Axiom Brass, will play on the lawn of the Jackson Hole & Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center at 532 N. Cache Street in Jackson from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM on July 1, July 8, July 15, and July 29. The four Friday afternoon performances are open to the public and are free of charge.

Music is one way people connect with public lands, using it and other arts as a means to express emotions experienced while in a natural setting. "Sounds in nature have inspired artists for hundreds of years," notes Outdoor Recreation Planner Lori Iverson. "The residency program compliments new displays in the Visitor Center that encourage people to use their senses when out in nature, including exploring the living world through sound. When people take photographs, keep journals, or compose music based on an outdoor experience, it transforms it into something personal and memorable."

Roving naturalists will be available on the Visitor Center's upper viewing deck prior to the performance to assist visitors in learning more about the National Elk Refuge, surrounding lands, and area wildlife. A spotting scope, binoculars, and field guides will be available, giving visitors an opportunity to observe and identify nearby birds and wildlife. Naturalists offer informal interpretive talks and information from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM daily.

For additional information about activities or services at the National Elk Refuge, please call the Administrative Offices at 307.733.9212 or visit www.fws.gov/nationalelkrefuge.

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